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**Ambassador visits Stara Rescue Center in Kibera**

Newly confirmed U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Robert F. Godec visited Stara Rescue Center, School and Orphanage in Kibera, on February 21, 2013. Kibera is Africa's largest urban slum, and the Ambassador visited the school to highlight the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) support to Stara's students who benefit from the McGovern-Dole school feeding program, which provides U.S.-grown nutritious food to 650,000 children at over 2,000 schools in Kenya. Stara is just one example of the USDA-funded program implemented by the World Food Program (WFP) in Kenya. USDA has provided food and program funds valued at \$77.8 million to WFP to fund school feeding activities since FY2004. As part of the project, USDA provides funds to the Government of Kenya to strengthen its technical skills to implement school food programs country-wide. Ambassador Godec congratulated Stara school founder Josephine Mumo and WFP for our partnership. "We support Kenya's desire for universal primary education, and believe students learn better when their stomachs are fed along with their minds. Universal education combined with good nutrition helps build the bodies and minds of the future leaders of this great country," he said.

